

**Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday October 24, 2012**

Call to Order

Chair Pfundt called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Members Present: Tom Neir, Carl Wilson, John Perlic, Mike Snow. Kirkland Staff Present: Dave Godfrey, Ray Steiger, Dave Snider Public Works Department

Approval of meeting notes from September 26, 2012 meeting.

Approved as presented.

Public Comment

Evan Morris; Commented on barriers that have been installed on Slater Avenue NE in the center of the roadway and how it forces cars into the path of cyclists. Requested that other designs be considered. Discussed examples of bike lanes throughout Kirkland that are next to parking and are too narrow, including Central Way. Also mentioned that he has emailed staff with simple and cheap solutions that have not been implemented including reflective markers on curbs near Lake Washington High School. **Glen Bulhmann,** building on the comments of Mr. Morris added that the Transportation Commission's scope is too broad and urged the Commission to ask City Council to create a pedestrian/bicycle advisory board. He also cited the median on Slater Avenue as a problem. **Dwight Baker;** Commented on the intersection of 7th Avenue and 6th Street where he had almost been hit by a car along with concerns for people who are moving in motorized wheelchairs, carts and so on.

CIP project update

CIP Manager Dave Snider explained that there had been some changes to the CIP since the Commission last saw it and that the list would be going to Council on 11/19. Three major changes were described; 1) 100th Avenue NE Study was added 2) Park Lane has received grant funding and 3) Phase II of the Citywide ITS project has received funding. Also, a grant was received for a seismic upgrade to the 98th Avenue bridge. In order to match the grant funds, monies were taken from NM888, a placeholder project for a list of non-motorized projects.

Mr. Jon Pascal Planning Commissioner, Transportation Engineer and interested citizen gave a presentation on the 100th Avenue Study project, noting that it addresses a number of important issues including safety, ped/bike facilities, congestion relief, needs in the annexation area and the project is a good candidate for grant funding.

I-405 Express Toll Lanes

Ms. Denise Cieri and Ms. Wendy Taylor discussed the WSDOT's latest plans for Express Toll Lanes on I-405. They explained that some of the issues that the Commission had asked them to review will not be covered in this discussion, but that they would be happy to discuss the remaining items in a future meeting. Among other things, they explained the history of Express Toll Lanes and noted that they would be reconvening a group of elected officials in early 2013. Such a group worked on the corridor previously.

Pedestrian Safety

Staff presented concepts for criteria for adding new uncontrolled crosswalks and prioritizing replacement of broken in-pavement lights. Commission agreed with the concepts that were presented. Staff will bring back information about uncontrolled crosswalks at the next meeting.

Concurrency/Level of Service

The Commission discussed the Council discussion at the October 2 Council meeting and planned for the November 20 Council Study Session. Chair Pfundt will work with Staff to prepare a presentation.

Updates from Commissioners and Staff

Staff reported on the Cross Kirkland Corridor, the NE 132nd Street interchange, the upcoming South Rosehill Bridle Trail neighborhood association meeting, the date of the next Commission meeting (12/5/12), and the possible restarting of a school walk route committee if the Proposition 1 passes. **Neir:** Gave an update on the work of the Boardwalk committee; they will be coming back with more information on a scope of work at a future meeting. **Wilson:** Asked if pedestrian education was included in current school curriculum. **Pfundt:** Reported on Totem Lake Symposium. All others had no comments.

Additional Public comment

Mr. Bulhmann commented that his wife and child were witnesses to the recent pedestrian crash at NE 80th Street and 120th Avenue NE and that it has impacted them both. He also commented on the excessive speed on NE 80th Street, the danger that poses for bicyclists and the engineering challenges of NE 80th Street.

Meeting adjourned Unanimously approved to adjourn 8:45 p.m.